



Buena Vista Trails Advisory Board
September 7, 2010
Public Works Building

Present: Lois Walton, Roy Gertson, Ed Eberle, Bob Gray, Keith Baker, Rachel Friedman,
Shannon Haydin, Kathy Hoerlein

1. Lois called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. August 3, 2010 Minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

- Status of subdivisions with relation to trail development – Shannon reported that the trails are part of the Colorado Central Filing 1 but would not be constructed in Filing 1. In South Main Filing 1 is amended for the area south of the front loop seeking approval of the plat amendment. With regard to The Meadows sale, the obligations are still there; just a question of who.
- Other trail development – DOC work – Roy reported that DOC work in Aug. included 2 days on the DOW trail widening it to 6' and dragging and watering. Both gates are in at either end for pedestrians only. The DOW area is really a hunting easement but maybe next year the pedestrian only signs may be taken down. DOC will spend 4 days working on erosion on the Whitewater Trail at the ramp and a washed out gulley at the new stairway. The crew in Sept. will finish work on the trail south of Ramsour. A survey is needed and there may be pins. Fencing will be placed at either end. Securing the ROW is most important. The budget for the SWCC was \$3,000 for 2 days. S. Main donated materials. Michael Stolba (Eagle Scout) will send the invoice for the bridge work. It was suggested the Board members walk the Vessey trail to see what to do for improvements.
- Update on CDOT Enhancement Grants – Rachel reported that David Vantenelli is still in progress with our projects. She explained the TIGER Grant of \$2.8 M for Rodeo Road and the windfall funds for paving streets and drainage work for 2011.
- Hwy 24 Corridor – Shannon reported that CSU students had presented some options but staff felt it important to meet with the greater community for different scenarios, so nothing this fall will happen.
- County funding for trails – Bob talked with Dennis Giese on how Conservation Trust Fund monies are doled out. The county is not planning on initiating any grants or money for trails. We have to apply for grants. The question on Crossman is if the county could improve it. The edges could be crusher fines and would have to be looked into from CR 361 towards the east. There was no record that the county contributed funds for Arizona and the bridge grants. We would need to ask Sue about this. Rachel did see Dennis and there was \$47,000 for 2 grants. Christine and Sue sent a letter for county funds.
- Rachel met with Lisa Malde of Live Well and their group has funds for trails – possibly for signage and striping on Gunnison.
- Designs for benches – Ed and Bob reported that they like a metal standard design with a cut-in design for the back like mining, fishing, etc. A powder coating to avoid rusting was recommended. The memorial would be restricted to "In memory of _____" and the date routed in. Possibly the metal shop students could assemble and may have wildlife designs for the back. Ed will check with Jim Butler as he did the Eddyline benches and also Elf who did the bicycle at the BW bridge. Roy also has catalogues.
- Trail map and flier – Ed is working on video of town trails. It was suggested we omit this agenda item as it is premature until more trails are in place.

- LSC trail update – There is a contract for the bid.
- Volunteer Day for trail work – Lois will contact Steve Reese for a Spring, 2011 date.
- Other
Kathy met with Erik Ritschard, the principal at Darren Patterson, to determine the routes his students ride /walk to school and what his needs are for safe travel. He said about 20 bike riders and walkers and 40 with parents. He had about 10 from Sunset Vista, Summer Song and Sunset IV. The ideal route would be a trail along the gas easement from Rodeo Rd. to Pleasant and then east on Mill to avoid riding on Rodeo Rd. Most use San Juan but if Gunnison was the preferred route, he can educate kids to use the best route and cross over at Essex. Rachel said permission from Paul Moltz would be needed and a check on the Pleasant deed.
Also it was reported to Kathy that the amount of dog waste on the BW Trail and Arkansas River Trail is bad and the dog poop station next to the kiosk at the ramp should be moved due to odor. We discussed how to better handle this and asked staff to check into Animal Control or Code Enforcer for fines or signage. It was also suggested to shorten the height of the stations so not so imposing and moving them to trail side rather than river side.

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming events- Cyclocross – Oct. 10

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting – October 5, 2010 9:00 a.m. Public Works

After the meeting, members will walk the Vessey Trail and maybe the gas easement line off Rodeo Rd.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Hoerlein